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New Reynolds Plant To Be Ready By Late Summer, To Employ 1000

Firm Official Visiting Area

The Reynolds Metals Co. plant, now under construction in Torrance, should be in full operation within six to nine months, the firm's president, R. S. Reynolds Jr., declared during a visit to the area this week. With the conversion of the 44-acre site of the former Pacific Electric Shops near Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez St. into an aluminum processing plant, the local plant will employ more than 1000 persons, Reynolds said.

The plant is being converted at a cost of more than \$1 million, he said. Its primary production will be aluminum packaging, such as the trays used in frozen dinners.

Here from his headquarters in Richmond, Va., Reynolds made an inspection tour of the Torrance project and of the laboratories of Robertshaw Fulton Co., of which he is board chairman.

At the same time, Reynolds predicted that production and consumption of aluminum should set new records in 1957. He declared that the expanding market was one reason that his firm was opening the new plant.

Reynolds' Metals supplies about 30 percent of the aluminum tonnage, which this year should be about 2,550,000 tons, some 200,000 tons higher than last year's record-breaking production.

Demand Seen
Reynolds pointed out that the demand for aluminum was growing. Autos now use four times as much aluminum as they did 10 years ago, he said.

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Lomita Group Asks Assembly Action

The Lomita Civic League, at a meeting last Tuesday, requested Assemblyman Vincent Thomas to take steps to investigate and suspend all proceed-

ings pertaining both to incorporation and annexation of Lomita. The meet was in Narbonne High's Little Theater.

In a letter to the Assemblyman, signed by President Herbert Brishin, the League attacked "misstatements of fact by people attempting to force incorporation and many false accusations concerning those who have opposed it."

The letter also hit Torrance officials who filed a proposal to annex all of Lomita "under circumstances that could give rise to a belief that there has been collusion between them and incorporation promoters to frighten Lomita people into incorporation by threats of annexation to Torrance."

Urgency Cited
"Due to the seriousness and urgency of the situation, which vitally concerns the civic welfare and future of many thousands of people, we are appealing to the Legislature of the state of California to make a complete investigation of these attempts, and it is suggested that hearing should be held in Lomita to bring out the true facts, figures, and motives," the letter stated.

Petition Evident
The Civic League charged that "interested promoters have made many attempts to incorporate against the will of the majority of residents and property owners."

Failure to Circulate
Failure to circulate a petition by the "promoters" was hit by the Civic League, although four successive notices of intention have been filed. Torrance's annexation move

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Growth Problem Cited by Kuchel

The name of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel this week was added to the growing list of important Americans who are recognizing the honors bestowed on Torrance with its selection as an All-America City. Writing from Washington, D. C., this week, Senator Kuchel paid tribute to the

Planners Listen To Debate Over New Apartment

An apartment building which has been moved onto a lot at 4328 Redondo each Blvd. was the topic of heated discussion at a special meeting of the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night.

About 40 persons turned out to discuss the pros and cons of the building, which is the property of Mrs. Estelle S. Wheaton. Three years ago, she received a variance to build 10 duplexes on the site.

Nearby residents claim that moving in the eight-unit single-story building is a violation of the variance and protest Mrs. Wheaton's seeking a new variance. They claim that the building, now temporarily located on building blocks, is completely out of harmony with the surrounding homes.

The duplex house zoning had been granted to act as a buffer between the nearby homes and busy Redondo Beach Blvd.

Planners heard the testimony, but took no action in the matter. It will be considered again this Wednesday night.

Location of a road just northeast of 182nd and Prairie Ave. also came in for discussion, with no final decision made. Planners studied two plans. One would continue Hickman Dr., an east-west street, while the other would create a new north-south street about a block east of Prairie Ave.

Police Nab Man With Too Much Time on Hands

Because he literally had too much time on his hands, Raul Joseph Martinez, 29, of Los Angeles, ran afoul of the law here Thursday night.

Officer Charles Oates said he found a suitcase containing 59 wrist watches in Martinez' auto after he stopped the sports model for speeding along Crenshaw Blvd., south of 182nd St.

Martinez, who was booked on suspicion of burglary, claimed he got the watches from a man he met in a Hollywood bar last month, according to Det. Capt. Ernest Ashton. He said he had been selling the watches to friends in this area.

Ashton said he believes the watches are part of the loot taken in the \$35,000 burglary of a Los Angeles establishment a month ago.

Martinez was turned over to Los Angeles authorities for investigation.

Splendid Achievement
"I wish to congratulate the City of Torrance on its splendid achievement and on winning this recognition."

The growth in California and its communities has brought a variety of problems which call for utmost imagination and cooperation, Senator Kuchel said.

"The City of Torrance has demonstrated the way in which successful efforts can be made in discharge municipal responsibilities," he wrote.

President Wires
Others to hail the city's achievement have included President Eisenhower, the State Assembly, and officials of many states and cities of the nation. A complete list of the messages will be reviewed at the official presentation banquet here Saturday night, Jan. 26, when State Atty. General E. G. "Pat" Brown will represent the governor in delivering the personal congratulations of the state.

On the night of the banquet, representatives of Look Magazine and the American Municipal League will confer the official status of an All-America City on Torrance.

Tickets for the banquet are still available at the Chamber of Commerce office on a first-come basis, according to President A. E. Thompson.

Two Women Injured When Hit by Auto

Two women pedestrians were hurt when struck by a car at 190th St. and Arlington Ave. on Friday evening, according to police.

Irene Trulio, 27, of San Pedro suffered possibly serious hurts and Isabel Plencio, 32, of 3709 W. 190th St. escaped with minor injuries in the 6:15 mishap.

The motorist, Alice Rich, 41, of Redondo Beach, was not held.

The victims were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Temperatures

	High	Low	Rain
Sunday	69	42	
Monday	62	50	.09
Tuesday	62	51	.03
Wednesday	66	37	Trace
Thursday	63	50	
Friday	62	49	Trace

Children Write
For instance, parents may wonder what they can do to help their children learn how to write. The methods by which the parents learned to

write, and the methods taught now may be entirely different.

At a meeting held last Tuesday, kindergarten mothers learned from teacher Martha Hayes how children are taught to print. She explained that the children are taught to print almost as fast as they are able. Some youngsters are able to learn to print their names, the first step, in kindergarten, while others are not ready until the first grade.

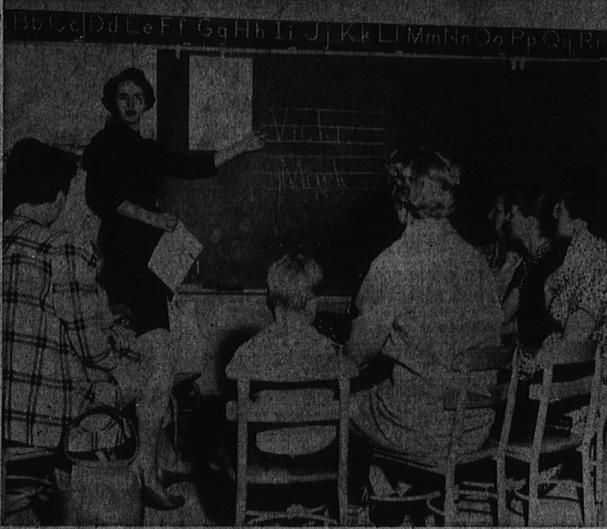
Principal Robert D. Evans said that these meetings help

to let the parents know what methods are being used, so that they can give their children help at home, if they choose. If parents and teachers use different methods in teaching the same subject, the child's learning may be delayed, instead of helped, he said.

Health Discussed
Also at the meeting, School Nurse Catherine Fitzgerald explained some of the health peculiarities of kindergarten children. She said that kindergar-

ners learn about children through club

Parents learn about children through club



(Herald Photo)

PARENTS LEARN . . . Teacher Martha Hayes tells a group of Wood School kindergarten mothers how their children will be taught to print and write. This is just one of many subjects covered when kindergarten and first grade mothers get together in small groups to learn how their children are taught and to get hints on how to help their children with their problems.

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